Setting up of a petrochemical project at Barauni

*265. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have demand to set up a petro-chemical complex at Barauni in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what is the time-frame fixed therefor and the details of investment envisaged therein along with the quantum of employment estimated to be generated?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. had applied in Sept. 1984 for a letter of intent for setting up an aromatic complex at Barauni, Distt. Begusarai in the state of Bihar. This application was rejected by the Government on the grounds that the feed-stock required for this project has not been tied-up.

Implementation of Government fixed Prices

*266. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1990 and states·

(a) whether it is a fact that according to provision 16 of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987, every manufacturer of finished medicines shall give effect to the price as fixed by Government within 15 days from the receipt of price fixation order, issued a supplementary price list and send it to the dealers, State Drug Controllers and Government;

(b) if so, what is the date on which each price fixation letter was issued to each company based on 21 bulk drugs which were brought under price control;

(c) what are the names of the companies which have implemented the prices fixed and sent the supplementary price lists within 15 days; and

(d) names of the companies which have not implemented the prices and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The price fixation letters in respect of formulations based on 21 bulk drugs, which were brought under Price Control in February, 1990, were issued on 9th March, 1990.

(c) The following companies have implemented the prices fixed by the Government and sent necessary implementation report.

1. M/s. Burroughs Wellcome (I) Ltd.
2. M/s. Biochem Pharmaceutical Industries.
3. M/s. Cyanamid India Ltd.
4. M/s. Fulford (India) Ltd.
5. M/s. German Remedies Ltd.
6. M/s. E. Merck (India) Ltd.
7. M/s Pfizer Limited.
8. M/s. Sandoz (India) Ltd.
9. M/s. Sarabhai Chemicals
10. M/s. May & Baker (India) Ltd.

(d) Some of the companies have claimed that since they are in small scale sector, the provisions of DPCO, 1987 in respect of Cat. II formulations do not apply to them. The following companies have not sent implementa-